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Examiner Name	Mark Halpern
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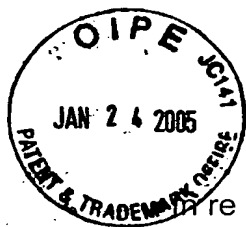
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Re Application of:

KUNIO SEKIYA

Serial No. 09/806,020

Filed: March 23, 2001

For: POLLUTION CONTROL METHOD FOR
CYLINDRICAL DRYER USED IN
PAPER MACHINE

Case No.: 24555

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Mark Halpern

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 23,
2004, AND ADVISORY ACTION MAILED JANUARY 13, 2005; AND REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Final Office Action mailed on July 23, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed on January 13, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114, a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and the requisite fee for a three-month extension of time accompany this Response. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments to the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on January 13, 2005 begin on page 4 of this Response.